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SUBJECT: EWG REPORT ON BASIC ISSUES OF DEFENSE PLANNING

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1. MISSION HAS PERSUADED INTERNATIONAL STAFF TO INCLUDE RECOMMENDATIONS PROPOSED BY THE US ON AIRCRAFT SHELTERS, ANTI-TNAK WEAPONS, AND WAR RESERVE STOCKS IN INITIAL DRAFT OF THE EWG REPORT. HOWEVER, I.S. CORRECTLY POINTED OUT THAT TO MAKE PROGRESS BY MINISTERIAL, SHAPE ANALYSES ARE NEEDED NOW TO PROVIDE BASIS FOR US RECOMMENDATIONS, AND THEY ARE FAR FROM COMPLETE.

2. IN ORDER TO IMPROVE CHANCES FOR CONCRETE PROGRESS AT DECEMBER DPC MINISTERIAL, WASHINGTON NEEDS TO PROMPTLY PROVIDE APPROPRIATE US ANALYSES TO THE US NATIONAL MILITARY REPRESENTATIVE AT SHAPE FOR FORWARDING TO THE SHAPE STUDY GROUP. THE SHAPE STUDY GROUP COULD USE MAXIMUM US ASSISTANCE IN PREPARING THE FOLLOWING:

A) AN ANALYSIS OF THE VALUE OF INCREASING AIRCRAFT SHELTERS TO 100 PERCENT OF IN-PLACE AND DUAL-BASED AIRCRAFT ON THE CONTINENT IN SUPPORT OF THE CENTRAL FRONT:
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B) AN ANALYSIS OF STANDARDS FOR ANTI-ARMOR CAPABILITY (SHAPE IS WORKING ON A MODEL STRUCTURE FOR A MECHANIZED INFANTRY BATTALION IDEALLY SUITED FOR CENTRAL EUROPE):

C) RECOMMENDATIONS ON CRITICAL WAR STOCK ITEMS.

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